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BEGIN SUMMARY: WE CAN EXPECT LITTLE GRATITUDE FROM DANES
IN SHORT RUN FOR MAKING IT CLEAR AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
THAT FRENCH WOULD-BE EMPEROR HAD NO CLOTHES ON. FIRST
DANISH OFFICIAL REACTION WILL PROBABLY BE TO PAPER OVER
INTERNAL EC DISAGREEMENT BY AVOIDING CONTROVERSY WITH
FRENCH ON SUCH IMMEDIATE ISSUES AS 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS
AND US-EC DECLARATION. IN LONGER TERM, HOWEVER, DANISH
PREFERENCE FOR BROADEST POSSIBLE US-EUROPEAN COOPERATION
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IN ENERGY, DEFENSE AND OTHER FIELDS SEEMS MORE COMPATIBLE

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WITH US VIEWS THAN WITH FRENCH PRETENSIONS TO SELF-
CONTAINED EUROPEAN "INDEPENDENCE". END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG HAS ALREADY GIVEN ME HIS
OWN INTENSELY PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE (COPENHAGEN 463). FORTUNATELY, GULDBERG'S
PRONOUNCED SYMPATHY FOR FRENCH POSITION DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE WIDELY SHARED, EVEN WITHIN HIS OWN MINISTRY, AND
HIS VIEWS ARE LIKELY TO BE ACTIVELY OPPOSED BY PRIME
MINISTER HARTLING AMONG OTHERS. MOST IMPORTANT SHORT
RANGE IMPACT OF CONFERENCE HERE, THEREFORE, IS PROBABLY
SPLIT IN DANISH THINKING ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT SPLIT IN
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. AS NOTED COPENHAGEN 461, MOREVOER,
DANES ARE SPECULATING ON ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION RAISED
BY POSSIBLE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS WITHIN TOP LEVELS OF FRENCH
GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES DRAMATIZED BY WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

2. STRONGLY PRO-EC LEADERS, SUCH AS GULDBERG, ARE OPENLY
DISMAYED BY NINE'S DISUNITY IN WASHINGTON AND ARE SIMULATAN-
EOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE
COMMUNITIES OF UK'S CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRAVAILS.
THOSE DANES WHO ARE LESS COMMITTED TO NOTIONS OF
EUROPEAN UNITY, AND THEY CONSTITUTE A CLEAR MAJORITY,
ARE CORRESPONDINGLY LESS WORRIED OVER CLEAVAGES WITHIN
NINE ALONG ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED FAULT LINES. IF
THE GRANDER SCHEMES OF EUROPEAN UNION ARE NO LONGER
ATTAINABLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THIS WILL NOT
WORRY MANY DANES SINCE THE MAJORITY FOR ENTRY IN 1972
REFERENDUM CAME AFTER REPEATED PLEDGES THAT DENMARK
WOULD ESCHEW ANY MOVES, BEYOND THE STRICT LETTER OF THE
TREATY OF ROME, LEADING TOWARD POLITICAL UNIFICATION.
SOPHISTICATED DANES REALIZE THAT THESE PLEDGES WERE NOT
ENTIRELY TENABLE AND THERE HAS, IN FACT, BEEN MORE DANISH
COOPERATION IN"OTHER" AREAS THAN THE ELECTORATE PROBABLY
BARGAINED FOR AT THE REFERENDUM.

3. MOST DANES, INCLUDING MANY OFFICIALS, ARE RATHER
NAIVE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, AND FREQUENTLY SEEK
SOLUTIONS TO COMPLICATED PROBLEMS IN MOALISTIC SLOGANS
AND APPEALS FOR GOOD WILL. THEY WILL BE SLOW, THEREFORE,
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TO SEE ECH'S INTERNAL CLASH TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AS
LOGICAL DENOUEMENT OF FRENCH ATTEMPT TO LEAD EUROPE TOWARD
SEPARATION FROM AND POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES. CERTAINLY, LOCAL EDITORIAL REACTION TO DATE HAS
GENERALLY MISINTERPRETED THIS ISSUE, FOCUSING INSTEAD ON
ALLEGED US THREATS, MIXED WITH TABLOID SPECULATION ABOUT
PERSONALITY CLASHES.

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4. DANES DO, HOWEVER, HAVE INSTINCTIVE UNDERSTANDING
OF THEIR OWN WEAKNESS AND A HEALTHY SKEPTICISM ABOUT
IMPERIAL PRETENSIONS OF SOME OF THEIR EC PARTNERS.
THEY WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN KIND OF TRANSATLANTIC
INTERDEPENDENCE US IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE THAN IN ANY
CONCEIVABLE ALTERNATIV AND THEY WILL PROBABLY RECOGNIZE
THIS REALITY IN LONGER RUN. THE MORE IT IS MADE CLEAR
THAT FRENCH ISOLATION FRM THE OTHER EIGHT AND THEIR
NATO ALLIES IS RESULT OF FRENCH CHOICE AND HAS NOT BEEN
IMPOSED ON THEM FROM OUTSIDE, THE SOONER DANES WILL COME
TO REALIZE THAT FACT.

5. THE CRISIS IN WASHINGTON MAY HAVE SHOWN -- IT IS OF
COURSE TOO EARLY TO BE DEFINITIVE -- THAT IT IS NO
LONGER POSSIBLE, AFTER ENLARGEMENT, FOR ONE MEMBER OF THE
EC TO THWART THE WILL OF THE OTHERS ON ISSUES THEY REGARD
AS CRUCIAL. ONE MEMBER COULD FFECTIVELY STOP THE OTHER
FIVE IN 1965 BUT ONE MEMBER IS APPARENTLY NOT GOING TO
BE ABLTO TO STOP THE OTHER EIGHT.
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